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SUBJECT: BAUXITE: IBA RESUMES TALKS ON POSSIBLE
MINIMUM PRICE FORMULA

1. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM THE
IBA MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL MEET IN KINGSTON SEPTEMBER 15
TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS ABOUT A FORMULA TO DETERMINE
MINIMUM BAUXITE PRICES. (THE GROUP'S FIRST MEETING
WAS IN FEBRUARY). PROPOSALS FOR A PRICING POLICY WILL
BE SUBMITTED TO AN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AT THE END
OF OCTOBER FOLLOWING WHICH THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED BY
THE IBA COUNCIL OF MINISTERS NOVEMBER 3-6.

2. THE DAILY NEWS ARTICLE INDICATES THAT THE WORKING
GROUP'S PROPOSALS WILL REFLECT THEIR FEELING THAT
"IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT AND POLICE ONE
BASIC PRICE FOR BAUXITE PRODUCED BY THE TEN MEMBER
COUNTRIES". IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE MINISTERIAL
MEETING WILL ACCEPT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS "LEAVING THOSE
WHO DO NOT WANT TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY FREE TO
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THEIR OWN PRICES".

3. 3. AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION OFFICER TOLD ECONOFF THAT
GOA HAD CONCENTRATED ON TRYING TO EDUCATE MEMBERS ON
COMPLEXITIES OF BAUXITE INDUSTRY. DAILY NEWS STORY
APPEARS TO INDICATE A FEW MEMBERS MAY BE LEARNING SOME
OF THE FACTS. GERARD

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